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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the management of dyslexia and related disorders in public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 167.950, to read as follows:

167.950. 1. Each public school shall test each enrolling student for dyslexia and related disorders at appropriate times in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board of education.

2. The school board of each district and the governing board of each charter school shall provide for the treatment of any student determined to have dyslexia or a related disorder.

3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Dyslexia", a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell, despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence, and sociocultural opportunity;

(2) "Related disorders", includes disorders similar to or related to dyslexia, such as developmental auditory imperception, dysphasia, specific developmental dyslexia, developmental dysgraphia, and developmental spelling disability.

4. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and regulations for each public school to test each enrolling student for dyslexia and related disorders. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
19 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general
20 assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove
21 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
22 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and
23 void.

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